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Memorandum

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NO ADP
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Done 8/19/68

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Notes

first mile back from weather station mixture of seaweed & messerschmidia & Coconut

along road
1 GFrigate & HD feeding left
6 CNT
1 Fairy Tern

along road
1 Fairy Tern Nest atop cut off coconut tree - 1 egg
1 WTTB flew from top Coconut tree - possible nest - could not find
4 CNT nest in top of coconut tree

1 Mile Survey of Lagoon for Shorebirds

G.P.	W.T.	R.I.	B.T.G.
IIII (2 breeding plumage)	I	I breeding plumage	

also saw 4 Hawaiian Ducks
1 Frigate

Lake Narver Area

20 CNT flying about
15 HNT " "
1 WTTB " "
1 Blue Gray Noddy "

Shore birds

CP	WT
HH HH	HH
HH 1	11

5 in breeding plumage

approx 30 Fairy Terns in area
no nests seen however

along road

1 Lorikeet - flew to top of Co-Tree
CNT - 50
HNT - 20
Fairy T - 30 concentrated around Pisonia Tree 5 nests seen from ground

Beach survey Shorebirds 1 miles

CP	WT
HH	HH
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(3 in breeding plumage)

Estimates for total area covered - from weather station to terminal

Common Noddy Tern - 400-500 with approx. 100 nests in coconut trees

Haw. Noddy Tern - 400-500 with approx. 100 nests in coconut

Fairy Tern - 300 - with approx 50 nests in coconut & pisonia trees

WTTB - 30-50 saw one possible nest probably 10 to 15 nests (guess)

Lorikeets - saw one - probably 20 to 30 total in area

Frigates - saw 17 flying overhead all Greats (ADs, Subadults)

Brown Booby - saw one roosting on rocky beach near channel

Blue-gray Noddy Tern - 1 seen near Lake Narver - probably 40-50 in entire area . no evidence of nesting

General Notes

Area is of fairly uniform vegetation type - coconut palms being predominant In some area's scavola is thick but most area is clear understory. A few Pisonia trees were seen near the Terminal. Ground is littered with coconut hulls - which harbor an abundance of skinks (possibly two species or two color phases of same species) WTTB - seem concentrated around road from terminal Fairy Terns & Hawaiian Noddys are concentrated around Lake Narver and scattered Pisonia trees Common Noddy Terns are well distributed throughout entire area

Shore bird Counts in Area

(1) Lagoon Shoreline (1 mile)

GP	WT	RT
IIII (2 in breeding plumage)	I	I (in breeding plumage)

(2) Lake Narver Area

GP	WT
~~HHT~~ ~~HHT~~	~~HHT~~ II
~~HHT~~ I (5 in breeding plumage)	

(3) Outer Beach (1 mile)

GP	WT
~~HHT~~ II	~~HHT~~ I

(3 in breeding plumage)

Collected:
1 Golden Plover - lagoon
1 WTTB - from road

Fairy Terns seem to be nesting frequently on top of broken coconut trees

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